

House Resolution 1158

By: Representative Marin of the 96<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Hi-Hope Service Center; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Hi-Hope Service Center was incorporated as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation  
3 in 1960, founded by the parents of six young students from Gwinnett County as one of the  
4 first organizations in Georgia to teach children with intellectual disabilities; and
- 5 WHEREAS, the construction of a special needs school was completed in 1970 under the  
6 capable leadership of Mrs. Vinie Lowry and with support from many parents, the greater  
7 Gwinnett Community, and the Gwinnett Jaycees; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Hi-Hope Service Center successfully transitioned to an organization supporting  
9 developmentally disabled adults following the full integration of student programs into the  
10 public schools; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Hi-Hope Service Center envisions a world where people with developmental  
12 disabilities experience acceptance and inclusion as full community members; and
- 13 WHEREAS, the mission of the Hi-Hope Service Center is to cultivate a community for  
14 adults with developmental disabilities by providing integrated opportunities for learning,  
15 work, and leisure; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Hi-Hope Service Center currently runs a day program, an employment program,  
17 and a residential program supporting 114 adults with developmental disabilities, 20 of whom  
18 are group home residents and receive around the clock support; and
- 19 WHEREAS, Hi-Hope Service Center was awarded the Gwinnett County Parks and  
20 Recreation Volunteer of the Year Award in 2006, the Gwinnett Chamber's D. Scott Hudgens,  
21 Jr. Humanitarian Award in 2005 and the Pinnacle Small Business Award in 2011; and

22 WHEREAS, in 2015, Hi-Hope Service Center entered into a long-term joint management  
23 agreement with The Enterline Foundation establishing a collaboration that further secures  
24 the future for adults with developmental disabilities; and

25 WHEREAS, throughout its 56 years of service to the Gwinnett community, Hi-Hope Service  
26 Center carries on its founders' legacy of compassion and innovation as an example to others  
27 in the community; and

28 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
29 remarkable and distinguished organization be appropriately recognized.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
31 the members of this body commend the Hi-Hope Service Center for their efficient, effective,  
32 and dedicated public service to the State of Georgia.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
34 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to  
35 Hi-Hope Service Center.